for imported bulk drugs under DPCO, 1979 and in how many cases price approval was granted;

(d) whether it is also a fact that amounts overcharged runs into cro--es;

(e) what is the total amount recovered upto 31st March, 1990;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry issued notices to certain importers;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof;

(h) whether it is also a fact that the provision has been abolished under DPCO, 1987; and

(i) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (i) Information for answering this question would require examination of voluminous data and the time and effort involved would not be commensurate with the results expected to be achieved. If there is specific information about overcharging, the same would be enquired into and action taken.

Representation against wrong assessment of overcharged amounts on drugs

313. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1593 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been received by his Ministry against the amounts assessed by the Special team;

(b) if so, what is the number of representations received after the submission of assessment report by the the Special Team upto the 25th April, 1990;

(c) what is the nature of these representations and what action has been taken on these representations;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the liabilities have been deliberately suppressed;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what steps are being taken to determine the correct liabilities against the companies involved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) A number of representations have been received against the tentative assessment of the liabilities upto 31-12-83 made by the Special Team in respect of the companies involved in the Supreme Court case. These representations deal with the issues relating to set offs, under assessment of the liabilities, ignoring the liabilities in respect of formulations etc.

(d) to (f) In view of the large number of Complaints that have been received, findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter are being looked into afresh. The process of scrutiny has just begun.

Overcharging on Doxtropropoxyphene Hcl.

314. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whetheer it is a fact that instances of violation of fixed price of Doxtropropxyphene Hcl under DPCO, 1979 came to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) if so, when were the prices of Doxtropropoxyphene Hcl fixed under DPCO 1979 and when th eviolation of the fixed prices came to the notice of his Ministry;

(c) what has been the sale by each producer from the date of price fixation and at what price sales have been made yearwise upto the 31st March, 1988;

(d) when was the show cause notice issued to the producers for the first time and what has been its outcome; and

(e) what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of Dextropropoxyphene Hcl were fixed on 22nd August, 1985. The violation of prices have been reported thereafter by a number of companies purchasing this drug.

(c) to (e) Inspite of repeated reminders the manufacturers have not furnished the details of the quantities sold and the prices of such sales for the relevant period so far. Punitive action against the manufacturers would soon be taken under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979/1987 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 after giving notice.

Prices of Baralgon Ketone Formulations

315. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2024 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1989 and state:

(a) when were the prices of finished medicines of Baralgon Ketone based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 8019/- were fixed and what was the price of each pack, strength of each formulation;

(b) what was the price of each formulation based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 24,735.38 per kg. and what was the percentage reduction in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP worked out the price of formulations based on the notified price of Rs. 1810.20 per kg.;

(d) if so, when and what was the price recommended for each medicine; and

(e) what is the price of each pack and strength of each medicine based on Baralgon Retone on the 20th April, 1990 and what is the price of bulk drug on which these prices are based?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No price of formulations of Baralgon Ketone based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 8019/- was fixed by the Government.

(b) The requisite information, to the extent available, is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The Government fixed the price of bulk drug Baralgon Ketone at Rs. 1810.20 per kg. with effect from 31.12.1980 under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 Before the prices of the formulations based on the revised price of the drug as annuonced by the Government could be revised, the Delhi High Court granted a stay to the Company by virtue of which they were able to maintain the pre-revised price of the bulk drugs and formulations.

(e) The requisite information, as per MIMS India (Edition April 1990 is given below:—

1.	Baralgan Ketone 10's strip	Rs. 4.93
2.	Baralgan Injection 2ml. Amp.	Rs. 1.80
	5ml. Amp.	Rs. 2.21
	30 ml. Vial	Rs. 13.23
3.	Baralgan Drops 10ml.	Rs. 6.05